

Utilities Board To Demand Changes

Electric And Telephone Companies Get
Probed—Better Service Will Be Re-
quired—Findings To Be Announced

A number of radical changes in the management of the affairs of the two Maui electric companies is presaged by the investigations of the Public Utilities Commission this week. The commissioners also went into the affairs of the Maui Telephone Company, and some minor changes are likely to be required of it also.

The investigations were made by two members of the board, Chairman Charles R. Forbes and A. J. Gignoux, J. N. S. Williams, the other member, not being able to present. H. P. O'Sullivan, secretary of the board, James L. Coke, attorney, and a stenographer were also of the party. R. C. Walker, an expert accountant, who had been going over the books of the companies for a week or two previously, had the necessary records before the board for consideration at Monday's meeting.

There were not many complaints made against the three companies, but the commission went pretty thoroughly into the methods of each concern, and summoned a number of witnesses to give expert testimony on various matters. The board found much to object to in connection with the book-keeping methods of the Lahaina Electric Company, though little fault was found with the physical condition of the plant, or with its service or rates. Being an incorporated concern, however, even though it is a subsidiary of the Pioneer Mill Company, makes it imperative that the books be kept independently of the larger concern.

Island Electric Must Improve

The board will probably give the Island Electric Company a reasonable opportunity to increase the quality of its Wailuku service, and to build up the efficiency of its plant, and then it will probably go into the matter of better rates for consumers. According to the board's findings, the whole plant and equipment of the company at the present time is expensive and inefficient. As one member stated, the company has not been making money at the rates charged at present, but could never hope to under present conditions. The board found that steps have been taken to better conditions, however, a large internal combustion engine being at the present time in process of erection, which should reduce the cost of production very materially. Also, after nearly a year without an expert electrician, the company has just secured the services of such a man as superintendent. The commissioners are apparently of the opinion that the Island Electric Company should, under proper management, furnish a thoroughly satisfactory service at a moderate rate, and at the same time pay a reasonable profit. The company was represented at the investigation by Attorney C. H. Olson, of Honolulu.

Telephone Company Improving

The commission was apparently quite favorably impressed with the work being done by the Maui Telephone Company, in way of improving its service. A part of Tuesday was spent in going over the system and inspecting the work now being done. The board will consider a number of complaints regarding charter of service, and rule on them later. None of the complaints were of very serious character, but the board announced that full weight will be given to all.

Make Haleakala Trip

The members of the board accompanied Chairman Forbes to Olinda, on Tuesday afternoon, where the latter, as superintendent of public works wished to look into Kula pipeline matters, and later continued to the summit of the mountain, returning on Wednesday morning. On Wednesday afternoon an inspection of the plant of the Lahaina Electric Company was made, and the party left at 4 o'clock for Hilo to go further into the matter of the Hilo Electric Company. Before leaving Maui it was announced that transcripts of the testimony in Maui matters will be prepared as soon as possible, and that rulings will follow as soon thereafter as possible. The board also stated that the matter of the conditions and hours of labor of the Maui Telephone Company's employees will be taken up and passed upon as soon as the board returns to Honolulu.

The Kula Women's Club meeting, which was postponed on account of stormy weather, was held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Wells, last Thursday. The presence of member of visitors from Hailu and Paia added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The Maui Cadets, of Paia, spent last Saturday night and Sunday camping in Iao Valley. The boys were in charge of Sergeant Weizel, U. S. A., and had a fine time, doing their own cooking, and generally looking out for themselves.

County Assured Of New High School

Generous Offer Accepted By Supervisors—Two New Sites Proposed—Work To Start Soon

As was to be expected, the supervisors, at their meeting last Saturday, accepted with thanks the proffer of H. W. Rice and others to furnish \$25,000 for a new Maui high school building, on condition that the county guarantee to thoroughly equip the same. The offer was made through School Commissioner D. C. Lindsay. The county will spend at least \$5,000 as its part towards the new structure.

It has not yet been fully determined whether or not the new building shall be at Hamakua, or at Paia, or Spreckelsville. Sites have been offered at both of these last named places and there is an effort being made by some to have one or the other adopted.

The new building is to be of concrete, or of other fireproof construction, and work on it will be started very soon after the matter of site is determined.

Molokai Now Has Quarrel Over Medicos

Molokai, the island of feuds, is again in the limelight. This time it is a quarrel between Dr. Hayes, the Government physician, and Dr. Sanborn, physician of the Molokai Ranch, or friends of theirs. District Magistrate C. C. Conradt appeared before the supervisors last Saturday asking that the \$60 allowed by the county to Dr. Hayes be divided with Dr. Sanborn, on the ground that the government doctor is not doing his business properly. The supervisors decided to investigate the matter, and Chairman Kalama was charged with this duty in connection with the board of health, which is asked to also look into the charges against Dr. Hayes. A report of the situation will probably be made at next month's meeting of the supervisors.

Loose Game Marks Opening Of Ball Season

The first game of ball for the summer season, played last Sunday between the Paia and the 1st Battalion teams, was witnessed by a good crowd, but was far from being in the class of fancy base ball. The score was 10 to 4 in favor of Paia. Keehu, pitcher and Bal, catcher of the soldiers were both taken out in the 6th inning and Hansen and Pombo substituted; while about the same time Sterling was relieved by Robinson on the Paia team.

The game next Sunday is between Puunene and the 1st Battalion.

Clarence G. White, it is understood, has sold all his property in Maui, including his Kahului beach house, to Harold W. Rice, and will leave some time in June, with his family for the Coast where they will make their future home. The Whites have been residents of Maui for the past 12 years, and have made a host of friends who will see them leave with much regret. Mr. White is one of the pioneer pineapple growers of Maui, being eminently successful in that line.

Mrs. J. C. Villiers will give an

organ recital in the church of the Good Shepherd, on Tuesday evening, May 23rd. She will be assisted by the Choir, and Messrs. H. W. Baldwin, C. D. Luffin, and D. Rattray. The recital is for the benefit of the British Red Cross, and the Order of St. John—in other words is for the benefit of wounded soldiers of all nationalities; an object which should call out the practical sympathies of all in the community. The hour of the recital is 8:00 o'clock.

The petition of John F. Camara for dissolution of partnership from Antonio Maria, was referred yesterday by Judge Edings to V. C. Schoenberg, as master to investigate. Camara wants the partnership dissolved, the automobile in which both he and Maria are interested, sold, and the proceeds divided, and himself allowed \$50 in addition. His partner opposes this, claiming that Camara owes him several hundred dollars.

Judge Edings yesterday denied the petition of C. D. Luffin, guardian of Kalani Kanihale, a minor, to sell certain real estate. The court held that the guardian failed to show a satisfactory necessity for the sale, in that the property is already producing about 6 percent. The guardian was represented by H. H. Case, while Eugene Murphy appeared a next friend of the ward.

Big Carnival Plan Of Church Workers

July 3rd Fixed Upon As Time For Unique Event—Rebuilding Of St. Anthony's Is Object

For a number of years St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wailuku has been most sadly in need of repairs, but this has been postponed from time to time until the safety of the congregation is somewhat jeopardized. A few months ago Board of Health Inspector J. L. Osmer visited the church, and went up as far as the belfry, but the speed in which he descended testified to the fact that his life had been endangered, and he made the statement that if it had been within his jurisdiction he would condemn the building. This church was built some forty or fifty years ago by Father Leonard and a number of Hawaiians, and it has stood all those years a monument to the patience and Christian spirit of the Hawaiian of years ago. However, it is now absolutely necessary that practically a new church be built; the congregation has outgrown the church building, and the standing room only sign is too often in evidence, to say nothing of the shaky condition of the tower of the edifice.

With this in view, Father Justin, in charge of the parish, has given much time and thought, and has had plans prepared for a practically new church building. It is estimated that this will cost from \$14,000 to \$15,000. A meeting of his parishioners was called some weeks ago, and organization was effected with the object in view of raising funds for the purpose. At this meeting J. Garcia was appointed general chairman, the other general officers being J. H. Kunewa, vice-chairman; Hannah E. Robinson, secretary; and Rev. Father Justin, treasurer. The chairman appointed various sub-committees, the chairman of which are: J. H. Kunewa, entertainment; Thomas Dunn, advertising; Rev. Father Justin, finance; Mrs. J. Garcia, bazaar; Clement Crowell, decorations; P. E. Pereira, illuminations; F. Medeiros, Portuguese; Chas. Lake, Hawaiian.

These committees have all met and outlined the work in hand, preparatory for a big show which will come off on July 3rd, on which date a most elaborate program will be carried out. In the meantime the entertainment committee, headed by Mr. Kunewa, has gone ahead with several entertainments, and have given those fortunate enough to have attended, a treat in the way of entertainment. This committee intends to have their talent show a few more times prior to the big show on July 3rd. The big celebration, however, on July 3rd, will be something not heretofore experienced on Maui. Entertainment of all sorts are being planned; fireworks galore will brighten the skies, while exhibits of value will be for sale. There will be something to keep everyone interested. Chairman Garcia is assured that the affair will be something unusual. The cause is a worthy one, and the workers are confident of the financial success of the big show. Everybody will be welcome at the grounds, and it is the intention of the general committee to see that value received is given for every nickel spent.

The ladies of the church are also giving much time and effort to the entertainment. The affair will be held either at the school grounds, or possibly at the baseball grounds, if it can be obtained. A general meeting of the Chairmen of the different committees has been called for next Sunday, at which time most of the details will be completed.

Alexander House Notes

The Girls' Club is to play an exhibition game of basket ball in the Gymnasium tonight which will be followed by dancing. The Gymnasium orchestra will furnish the music. This promises to be an unusually interesting game. The two teams under Miss Mary Hart, captain of one side and Miss Naomi Robinson, of the other, have been hard at work getting ready for the Palama game in June and are very evenly matched.

Last night at Boy Scouts' Night the attendance of boys reached a new level with fifty boys present. Not all of these boys are Scouts but the number of Scouts is growing. Troop III with Herbert Young, Scoutmaster, is having the record attendance.

A May Tea will be given on the lawn of the Alexander House on Saturday afternoon of next week, May 27th, from 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock. There will be music and your choice of the menu for 15 cents. Have a table secured and bring a guest with you. All proceeds will go to the Gymnasium painting fund.

The new Men's Club held its regular meeting at the Gymnasium Wednesday evening with a fine attendance.

Departments Of Big Fair Decided Upon

Men Named Who Will Head Sub-Committees—Much Enthusiasm In Work—Big Flower Show Planned

As a result of two long and interesting meetings, one held last Friday afternoon and the other on Monday forenoon of this week, the Maui County Fair may now be considered fairly launched. Some 18 departments have been created, and a chairman named for each. While there will be possibly others created from time to time, it is quite certain that the framework of the organization has been well constructed, and that from now on the work of getting ready for the big event will go on rapidly.

The chairmen of the different divisions are empowered to build up their committees as they see fit, and to subdivide the work as may be best. They will have the entire responsibility of the success of their part of the show, except that the general committee will pass on the more important matters.

The different sections and the chairman in charge of each are as follows:

- Livestock and animal husbandry—Horses, cattle, Mules, Sheep, Hogs, etc., D. T. Fleming, Chairman.
- Poultry and domestic animals—Chickens, turkeys, geese, pigeons, birds, dogs, etc., W. F. Pogue, Chairman.
- Astronomy—Field crops, sugar cane, pineapples, etc., F. G. Krauss, Chairman.
- Horticulture—Fruits and vegetables, D. H. Case, Chairman.
- Floral culture—Flowers and shrubs, James Lindsay, Chairman.
- Forestry—Dr. Fitzgerald, Chairman.
- Manufactured agricultural products—A. McPhee, Chairman.
- Domestic science and arts—W. J. Cooper, Chairman.
- Agricultural engineering—Wm. Searby, Chairman.
- Educational—Schools, Wm. McClusky, Chairman.
- Health and sanitation—Dr. Wm. Osmer, Chairman.
- Buildings and grounds—Concessions, decorations, illuminations, R. A. Wadsworth, Chairman.
- Amusements and entertainments—J. Garcia, Chairman.
- Advertising and publicity—Edwin C. Moore, Chairman.
- Awards and prizes—F. A. Clowes, Chairman.
- Finance—D. C. Lindsay, Chairman.
- Transportation—Wm. Walsh, Chairman.
- General manager—F. H. Locey.

Dr. W. D. Baldwin was made a member of the executive committee as a representative of the Boy Scouts of Maui, while J. H. Kunewa, A. K. Ting, and Manuel de Rego, were also added to represent respectively the Hawaiian, Chinese, and Portuguese nationalities of the island. Chairman Wadsworth stated that the Japanese would probably nominate a man to represent them by the time of the next meeting.

Everybody may Help
It is probable that the plantations on Maui will be asked to pay a small amount necessary to purchase garden and flower seed for distribution among
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New Tennis Tournament Begins At Puunene

Twenty-six members of the Puunene Athletic Club have been engaged during the past two weeks in a tennis tournament, the play being for a handsome new cup offered by the Club. The following games have been played:

- F. F. Baldwin vs. Wm. Longher, 6-2, 6-4; R. E. Hughes vs. C. C. Campbell, 6-8, 6-2, 2-6; Dr. Young vs. A. Mc. Nicoll, 4-6, 2-6; J. S. B. Mackenzie vs. A. MacLaren, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; J. H. Pratt vs. J. B. Thomson, 2-6, 2-6; Dr. Sawyer vs. W. A. Baldwin, 6-1, 6-2; Geo. Murray vs. Fred Cowell, 6-3, 6-4; H. A. Hansen vs. W. D. Walker, 7-5, 6-3; David Rattray vs. R. B. Walker, 2-6, 5-7; E. F. Dehnert vs. W. E. Engle, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

After a half hour spent in gymnastics the two teams known as the "Whites", Awana, captain, and the "Blues", Akuna, captain, lined up for a relay race. The Whites won by a narrow margin. Later in the evening these two teams tried their hand at volley ball and in this the "Whites" were also successful. Both teams show plenty of enthusiasm; the "Blues" under Akuna have already secured their Gym uniforms. Next week they expect to have a different story to tell when the figures for the evening's scores are counted up.

FAST WORK ON FLEET DEMANDED BY HOUSE

Reorganization Of Personnel Also On Foot --- Italians And Austrians Again Grappling --- Little Change At Verdun

HONOLULU, May 19—Citizens organize to frame charter for municipality. Former governor Frear elected chairman of committee from civic organizations. Presiding officer outlines policies and tells conferees that in framing constitution for city, the legislature must be considered.

Queen's Hospital begins the improving of the entire equipment. Receipt of splendid X-ray apparatus signals installation of fine department. Other innovations include screened wards and a big annex. Charges will be higher.

The cruiser St. Louis soon to come here. Two destroyers expected to be added to Hawaiian base at Pearl Harbor.

TOKIO, May 19—Yuan's slayer kills great conferee of Sun Yet Sen. Gen. Shung Ki, friend and intimate of the Chinese liberator, falls victim of assassin's bullet in French concession. Chinese republicans of Honolulu shocked. Col.-Gen. Wudan pays high tribute to dead revolutionist and says he was one of the noblest figures in China. As result of assassination, French authorities redoubled their guard over Sun Yet Sen.

LONDON, May 19—Italians hit hard blows and Teutons are checked. Italians hurl enemy back everywhere. Massed attacks of Austrians are countered with terrific thrusts and artillery fire that crushed legions.

WASHINGTON, May 19—President rushes from theatre where he was spending evening to prevent execution of Jeremiah Lynch, former president of Philo-Celtic Society in New York. Lynch was tried and convicted of taking part in the Irish rebellion. Was a naturalized citizen, and when news reached Senator O'Gorman he and the President cabled officials in Ireland and London to try to prevent the execution. The intervention saved life of Lynch.

Revenue is larger than estimated. Prosperity and conservation increases funds available for preparedness program.

Raiding in Baltic resumed by Allies. 3 German steamers sunk by British and Russians.

Australian wheat crop to be marketed by pool.

Wheat crop estimated at 160,000,000 bushels. Australian government has decided to form a pool for marketing such surplus as is not needed by Allies.

WASHINGTON, May 18—House committee today voted down 5-year program for battle cruisers for fleet. The committee recommends 5 battle cruisers of 20,000 tons each; 4 scout cruisers of speedy and powerful design; 10 destroyers, and 20 submarines, with various auxiliary vessels to be built by end of 1917.

Germany, through Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, instructed German counsel in the United States, to admonish Germans scrupulously to observe American laws. The instructions given in effort to end various alleged violations of neutrality. Germany is taking stand against plots of the sort.

Reorganization of the Atlantic fleet being worked. Includes retirement of Admiral Frank S. Fletcher, commander-in-chief of fleet, on June 19. Will be succeeded by Vice-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of battle ship squadron and commander of first division fleet at present. Rear-Admiral deWitt Coffman, commanding 3rd division of Atlantic fleet to succeed Mayo as viceadmiral.

Resolution introduced in house today authorizing President, at conclusion of present war, to invite world powers to conference at which would be framed court of arbitration for the peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations. The sum of \$200,000 to be voted for purpose.

BERLIN, May 18—Three French attacks on German positions on Hill 304 repulsed. Austrians are pushing their offensive against Italian flank in whirlwind manner. Italians are falling back.

PARIS, May 18—French claim success in capturing German position on slope at Hill 304. Germans made attack at Verdun front but were repulsed.

HONOLULU, May 18—Honolulu wins point in trade for the future. Foreign vessels may call without complying with seaman's law regulation. Will be allowed to take coal and supplies. Chamber of Commerce's action gets speedy response from Secretary Redfield.

Japanese whose patient died a year ago is nabbed by Detective Lake Waipahu man arrested on charge of illegal practice. Death said to have occurred last July. Board of Health president planned action last December, he says.

Hawaiian stock should be high, estimates show. Unusual set of figures made public to prove big dividends in 1916 justified. Plantations will not reduce cash balances. Average better than \$20 per ton over 1915 sugar prices rolls in as profits. Dividend from MsBryde fixed at 50 cents per share, payable June 25.

LONDON, May 18—Italy loses ground she has seized from Teuton foes. Austrians drive Roman cohorts out of trenches on Isonzo River front, but are balked by forceful stand at Sugana.

Zegnatorta wrested by assault from Italians.

Russians reports fresh successes against Turks at lines near Gagdard railway. Allies announce victory on Greek front.

WASHINGTON, May 18—800 Yaqui Indians go on war-path. They start from Torreon with avowed intention of wiping out Yankees. Colonel Sibley may have to fall back. Indians, together with Villistas left Torreon 3 days ago.

S. F. Seifer, rancher, who brought news of Indian uprising, also says that Carranza commands have joined with Villistas with intention of wiping out Gringos. No official confirmation of report received by Sibley.

GENEVA, May 18—German soldiers beg for meat on Swiss border. They declare food situation in Rhine country is desperate.

LONDON, May 18—Sir Roger Casement is charged with high treason. Premier Asquith member of Irish privy council.

LONDON, May 18—British monitor M-30 is sunk by Ottomans. Two members of crew wounded.

LONDON, May 17—Dutch steamer "Batavia" blown up in North Sea enroute London to Rotterdam. British Ambassador here learned that Lagi Naniut, wireless expert, was a passenger and was drowned when disaster occurred. He was an American citizen. Other Americans rescued.